

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF CHANGES
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL)	IN THE ELECTRIC SERVICE
ENERGY, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY-)	TERRITORY
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)	
INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY)	EL04-035

On November 18, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. The agreement seeks a modification to existing service territories to allow each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

SVE shall transfer to Xcel Energy eleven lots presently located north of the territory boundary line in the Canterbury Heights Addition within the city of Sioux Falls within the SE 1/4 of Section 12 of Township 101N, Range 49W within Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

Xcel Energy shall transfer to SVE twelve lots presently located south of the territory boundary line in the Canterbury Heights Addition within the city of Sioux Falls within the SE 1/4 of Section 12 of Township 101N, Range 49W within Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

On December 14, 2004, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the change in service territory boundary will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Xcel and SVE. The Commission therefore concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between Xcel and SVE is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner